

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): The floor covering device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the compensating strip has the basic form of an angle section with two legs, the leg with the tongue being adjacent to the underside of the covering flange of the profiled cover and the other leg forming an extension of the profiled cover extending downward.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The floor covering device in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the compensating strip is provided with at least one supporting leg projecting from the leg with the tongue.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The floor covering device in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the at least one supporting leg of the compensating strip forms a coupling projection.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The floor *covering device* in accordance with Claim 5 10, wherein the leg of the compensating strip adjacent to the covering flange is provided with an adhesive surface on the side of the at least one clamping web facing the covering flange.

Claims 7-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): A floor covering device comprising:

(a) a profiled cover made of an extruded profile, the profiled cover comprising a covering flange and at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange and extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover;

wherein the covering flange comprises an underside comprising a first contact surface, a second contact surface, a groove section in the first contact surface, and at least one longitudinal groove in the groove section, the first contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a first side of the profiled cover and the second contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a second side of the profiled cover; and

(b) a compensating strip comprising a tongue and fastened to the covering flange;

wherein the at least one longitudinal groove of the profiled cover and the tongue of the compensating strip form a tongue-and-groove joint fastening the compensating strip to the covering flange as the tongue projects into the at least one longitudinal groove and the at least one longitudinal groove retains the tongue;

wherein the groove section is supported flat over the compensating strip;

wherein the first contact surface is supported flat over the compensating strip; ~~and~~

wherein the second contact surface can be supported flat over a floor cover segment; and

wherein the compensating strip is provided with a peripheral projection on a leg adjacent to the covering flange to serve as a retaining lug, said peripheral projection engaging in a second longitudinal groove serving as a retaining recess on the underside of the covering flange or on a side of the at least one clamping web of the profiled cover facing the compensating strip, wherein the engaging forms a pivot axis for the compensating strip.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).